



**WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT
OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
FINAL DETERMINATION OF
NON-SIGNIFICANCE
June 7, 2005**

State of Washington
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Mailing Address: 600 Capitol Way N - Olympia, Washington 98501-1091 - (360) 902-2200, TDD (360) 902-2207
Main Office location: Natural Resources Building - 1111 Washington Street SE - Olympia, WA

DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Name of Proposal: SOUTH FORK COWICHE CREEK INSTREAM HABITAT IMPROVEMENTS

Description of Proposal: A series of logs and rootwads will be placed in South Fork Cowiche Creek in three separate locations, to enhance instream habitat conditions:

The project will consist of the following:

1. Worksite Isolation
2. Large Woody Debris Installation
3. Streambank revegetation

Proponent:

North Yakima Conservation District (NYCD)-1606 Perry Street, Suite F, Yakima, WA 98902-(509) 454-5736 ext 3-Project Contact: Michael Tobin

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) 1701 South 24th Avenue, Yakima, WA 98902-5720-(509) 457-9307-Project Contact: Stephen Kropp

Location of Proposal, including street, if any: The treatment reach lies on the South Fork of Cowiche Creek, adjacent to the property located at 1370 Cowiche Mill Road (approximately 3 miles upstream from the confluence with North Fork Cowiche) Cowiche Creek is a right bank tributary to the Lower Yakima River, Washington, Yakima County; Section 32, Township 14 North, Range 17 East WM

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of the completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date of issue below. Comments must be submitted by: **June 06, 2005**

Responsible Official: Teresa A. Eturaspe

Position/Title: SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, Regulatory Services Section

Address: 600 Capitol Way North, Olympia, WA 98501

Please contact: Teresa A. Eturaspe **Phone:** (360) 902-2575 **Fax:** (360) 902-2946 or
e-mail: habitatSEPA@dfw.wa.gov if you have questions or comments about this determination.

DATE OF ISSUE: May 23, 2005 **SIGNATURE:** 

SEPA Log Number: 05 -048. dns

Distribution of Environmental Document:

Department of Ecology, Environmental Review Section, Olympia
Department of Natural Resources, SEPA Center, Olympia
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Upper Columbia River Basin Field Office, Spokane
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Seattle
NOAA - Fisheries, Seattle
Yakima County Planning Department, Yakima
Yakima Nation, Toppenish
Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fisheries Commission, Portland, OR
Department of Transportation, So. Central Region, Yakima
WDFW, Habitat Program, Region 3, Yakima
WDFW, Fish Program, Region 3, Yakima
WDFW, Wildlife Program, Region 3, Yakima